



*Martin O'Malley, Governor  
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor  
John R. Griffin, Secretary  
Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary*

Meeting of the MD DNR Sportfish Advisory Commission  
October 18, 2011  
6-9 PM  
Tawes State Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### **Summary of Motions and Actions**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Jim Gracie, Vice Chairman Bill Windley, Roger Trageser, Brian Hunt (proxy for Larry Coburn), Greg Jetton, Herb Smith, Dr. Ray Morgan, Carol Stevenson, Ed O'Brien, Val Lynch, Dave Sikorski, Dave Smith, Bill Goldsborough, Leonard Grier (proxy for James Wommack)

**Commissioners not present:**

Brandon White (Attempted Internet access failed)

### **Motions**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to support allowing MD NRP to investigate a MD violation in WV, and/or pursue a violator into West Virginia. Including reciprocity for West Virginia enforcement in Maryland. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stevenson. 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 4 abstentions. Motion passes.

Motion by Commissioner Sikorski to support the Hail Cove Reef project sponsored by U.S. Fish Wildlife Service in partnership with the Maryland Artificial Reef Initiative (MARI). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Morgan. 14 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions. Motion passes.

### **Action Items**

- For the Department to come back to the Commission with a DNR plan of recommendation for Free Fishing areas, with the understanding that SFAC is supportive of tying free fishing areas to a formal marketing plan that would include those areas.
- Commissioners Smith, Windley, Goldsborough & Wommack will work to address the following SFAC input questions by the November meeting:
  1. Should each offender's past violation history be considered prior to sending an initial proposed suspension or should it be considered as a mitigating circumstance? If so, how far back should DNR go when checking them?
  2. Should all natural resource violations be considered or just fishing violations?
  3. Should a suspension begin immediately or at the start of a season that the violation pertains to?
  4. Should DNR release information pertaining to every suspension? What information should be released and how should it be released (website, press release, etc.)